

P.S. - you are at liberty to use the above  
as you please - perhaps you had better  
suppress my name in print if it will  
do as well, but let it be understood I  
wrote my self - and responsible for the truth  
of all this - I am not able to give  
particulars in relation to Hamilton - Withen

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Rev Amos A. Phelps

Boston

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single

can I receive any together with the place  
of his residence what I am doing now -  
- Mr. Phelps will name to you Mr. W. M. Phelps at  
Newton Mass & I will tell him I named  
him to you & I hope you will let me  
hear the Dr. & the other gentlemen & this I  
think can be done without pecuniary - I hope so -



his allusion to the ~~the~~ enslaved in our land in  
language something like the following, "But  
what more we done to ameliorate the con-  
ditions of more than two millions of our own  
oppressed countrymen, who are — when  
he was suddenly interrupted in the following  
manner — Dr W. who was sitting behind him  
nearly arose & apparently much excited, ~~said, stop!~~  
~~stop!!~~ stamped his foot, & said stop! stop!  
enough of this, I want home this subject,  
[Colonay] agitated here" & drove the speaker  
from the stage —

3 The call for the Rhode Island ~~Anti-Slavery~~  
State Anti Slavery Convention, was signed  
by about 20 of the college students. After  
prayers in the chapel, on the evening before  
the convention, the President addressed about  
half an hour on the subject of our signing  
the call; before the rest of the students, & the  
speaker he, rebuked us, ridiculed us, blackguard  
us, — in short abused us in a most unchristian  
manner, & forbid our signing ~~any~~ any  
instrument again without his permission,  
a specimen of the character of much of  
speech, I give the following <sup>extract</sup> verbatim. "I know  
of no wise, cool, & deliberate men who know  
what to do in relation to this matter [slavery];  
but you [spoken snarlingly] young men, are going  
to rise ~~you up~~ I tell us what to do!! By  
the by; some of the number who signed the  
call were but several years younger than  
the Dr himself & a majority of the twenty  
were over twenty five years of age —  
Suffice it to say, that the more pious students  
of the college ~~so~~ had their feelings very much  
injured by this & similar conduct of the Dr  
on the subject of abolition ~~and~~ for this cause  
mainly ~~some~~ left the college — Now what is  
all this, but "persecution on account of religious  
opinions," according to the President Wayland's  
definition of the term?  
Yours in the cause of truth  
J. M. Blakey



place of abode for a considerable length of time -

In answer to your enquiries concerning Dr. Wayland & co's efforts to suppress abolition in Brown University I can testify to the truth of the following particulars,

1 From the year 1834 the students have been expressly forbidden to treat upon the subject of Slavery in their college exercises of composition & declamation.

Some however evaded the design of this restriction, by embracing abolition principles in their composition on other subjects & giving to them an indirect bearing on the subject of Slavery.

To remedy this evil (!?) the subjects of written composition were afterwards in general assigned to the student by the Professor of Belles Lettres,

2 Every piece of Composition for declamation, (whether original or extracted) must be examined by the Professor of Rhetoric before it could be spoken on the stage. If there was any thing in it that looked abolition wise, it was expunged. However, notwithstanding this rigid censorship over the pens & tongues of the students, in the fall of 1835, a student appeared upon the stage to speak an eloquent & original essay on ~~Philanthropy~~ subject of Philanthropy, in which ~~contained~~ ~~and~~ after he alluded to American oppression - After having spoken of the philanthropic ~~eff~~ interest feeling & efforts of the Americans in behalf of the Palus & Greeks &c (toward the close of his speech) - he commenced



J. M. Blakesley,  
(Br. Wayland)



1838

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Spencer-town Columbia Co NY, Apr 11<sup>th</sup> 1838

Dear Br Phelps - Yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> ult did not come to hand till last Saturday. The occasion of this delay is my absence from my head-quarters, as Agent of the N.Y. State A. S. Soc. I am now getting up conventions in the Counties of Dutchess & Columbia, for the formation of County Societies - the one to be held in Poughkeepsie on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst; the other in Hudson City on the 26 inst - Prospects fair - All things con- sidered -

A mob last Monday evening in Chatham, of this Co - Expect another & a more formidable one, to morrow night in the same place - All goes well with abolition however - The mobocracy is making up some of the old drums on the question of Human Rights - I shall hold on till we have drilled down all the mobocrats, as we did in Chateaugue Co last year - By the way, nine of the Jamestown Mobits are under bonds of a \$1,000 each for appearance at the Circuit Court in July next - to answer to charges of Burglary felony & the like - The High Wall'd Palace of Auburn, will undoubtedly be their future